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World War II Living History Weekend Arrives at Sully

Sully Historic Site hosts its annual World War II Weekend on Saturday, July 13, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, July 14, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Meet re-enactors representing both Allied and Axis troops, and get an up-close look at what life was like for soldiers and civilians. Interpreters will have authentic uniforms, equipment, weapons and vehicles on display in their camps. Demonstrations will be scheduled throughout both days, and there will be a tactical skirmish each afternoon.

Tour the 1794 home of Richard Bland Lee and find out how things changed on the home front during World War II in Fairfax County. See an exhibit of men's and women's uniforms and personal belongings collected during the war years. Children can play games and create a take-home craft. In the kitchen our costumed interpreter will have ration books, substitute ingredients for recipes and canning equipment on hand.

On Saturday, Dr. Steven DeVito will speak about his book, "Fighting with the Filthy Thirteen – The World War II Story of Jack Womar – Ranger and Paratrooper." This squad of the 101st Airborne Division was the inspiration for the movie, The Dirty Dozen. Recently Mr. Womar was awarded the French Legion of Honor Medal during a ceremony in Normandy, France, and he will be on hand to relate his experiences.

Dr. DeVito will display a selection of his collection of World War II firearms including an M1 carbine and Thompson submachine gun. Also on display will be authentic accoutrements related to the firearms as well as photos and other accessories.

On Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m. enjoy live music featuring your favorite tunes from the 1940s. The Silver Tones Swing Band will get you "In the Mood." This 17-piece band includes three singers whose style is reminiscent of the Andrews Sisters.

The event will be held rain or shine. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and children. All veterans and active duty military with ID will be admitted free of charge.

Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way in Chantilly, Va. For more information please call 703-437-1794.

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If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354.